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LA City Homelessness & Poverty Committee  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N Spring St, Los Angeles

Dear Homelessness and Poverty Committee,

**SUBJECT:** Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAPP)

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Skid Row Housing Trust to request greater investment in proven solutions to assist homeless people in Los Angeles and especially, Skid Row.

Skid Row Housing Trust provides permanent supportive housing so that people who have experienced homelessness, prolonged extreme poverty, poor health, disabilities, mental illness and/or addiction can lead safe, stable lives in wellness. In total, we provide permanent housing and support to more than 1,800 formerly homeless and vulnerable men and women. A significant share of people experiencing homelessness struggle with chronic health conditions and unmet medical, behavioral, and psychological needs.

Given that Skid Row is home to nearly 5,000 people experiencing homelessness, we ask to maintain the funding dedicated to Skid Row at \$20M for HHAPP, to enhance the efforts started with the previous \$20M HEAP allocation.

LACPC's 2017 authored report, No Place to Go, brought attention to our hygiene needs resulting in the Refresh Spot. The Refresh Spot model should be expanded in all Skid Row parks and should be replicated in additional locations in Skid Row.

Additionally, our community needs: adequate access to water, outreach that includes appropriate levels of healthcare, additional crisis and bridge housing, and permanent housing.

Skid Row Housing Trust also supports the use of flex fund dollars to help people obtain and maintain permanent housing. We also request that new projects increase work opportunities for residents of Skid Row, including jobs related to security, sanitation, peer specialists, and health advocates.



30 years of building Homes



30 years of providing Support



30 years of stories of Success

Sincerely,



Monique Davis  
Chief Community Officer

